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Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: Talking Points on US Government Shutdown
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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Any and all talking points and similar memorandums, emails, and transcripts providing advice or direction on how to handle the media, media interviews, and statements used by personal employed by or working for the Department of Agriculture, which relates to the US government shutdown.

The time period for this search is from December 22, 2018 to the present date.

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TALKING POINTS
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STATEMENT
PRESS STRATEGY

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The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

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